■ A WORD FROM THE AUTHOR

I LIKE BLACK TEA MORE THAN COFFEE. USUALLY I PUT LOTS OF MILK IN IT TO MAKE MILK TEA. MY FAVORITE BRAND IS FORTNUM & MASON NEXT TIME I THINK I'M GOING TO TRY BENOIST'S* DENSHA OTOKO.

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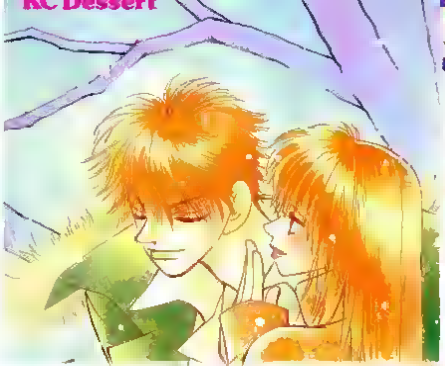

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At school people fear him.
But he's the only person who can embrace.

With an alcoholic father a moody mother and a cave-man boyfriend, Ian is a person who they have no use for...?! Nothing is going well for Sori until she encounters a fateful meeting! but that person is none other than the most dangerous guy at school. Am I falling in love?! I know I shouldn't hook up with him, but I can't resist his mysterious attraction... Presented simultaneously with Cute Girlfriend.

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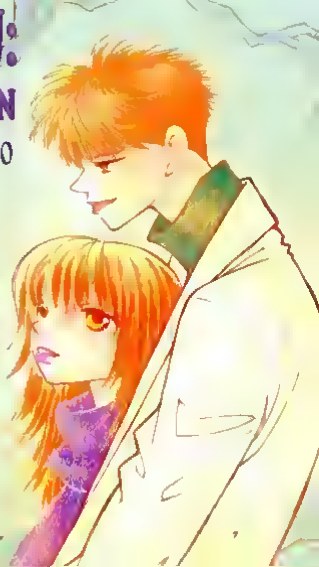

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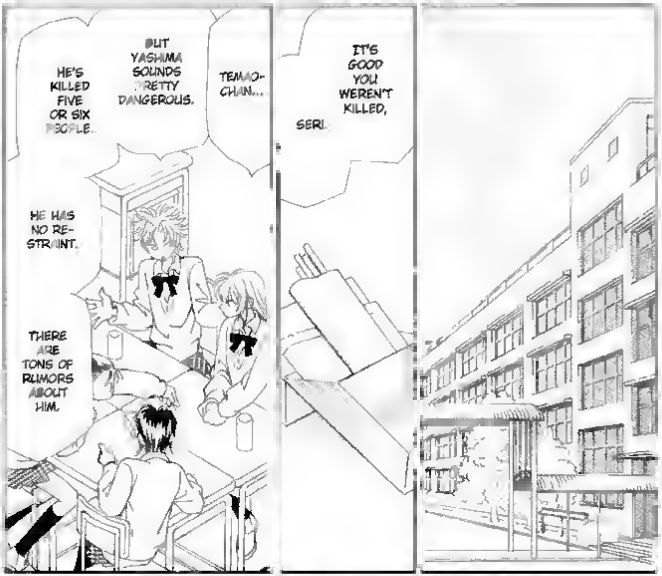
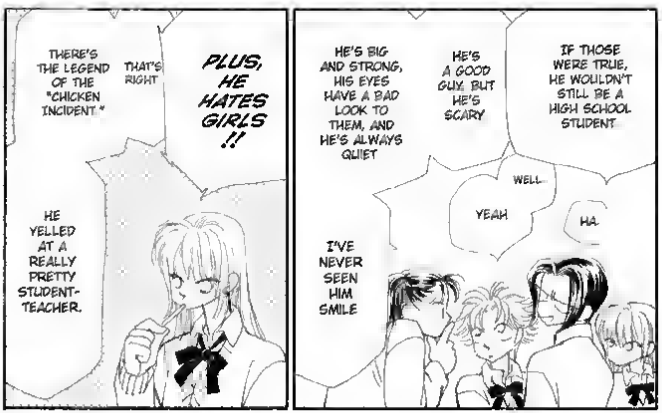
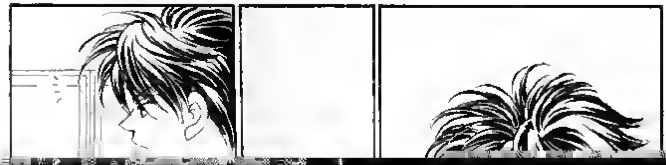
ssssh
THE DOORS ARE CLOSING.
BUMP
SORRY
I'M.

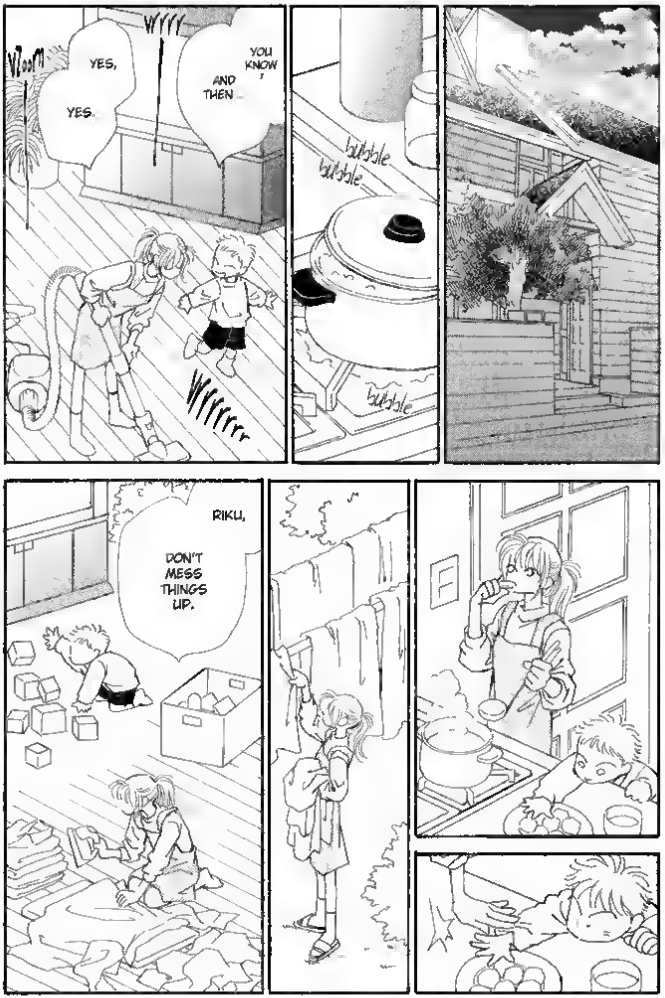
I'M
I'M SORRY
bOw
bOw
Huh?


HE'S KILLED FIVE OR SIX PEOPLE.
BUT YASHIMA SOUNDS PRETTY DANGEROUS.
TEMAO-CHAN...
HE HAS NO RE-STRAINT.
THERE ARE TONS OF RUMORS ABOUT HIM.
IT'S GOOD YOU WEREN'T KILLED, SERI.


THERE'S THE LEGEND OF THE "CHICKEN INCIDENT."
THAT'S RIGHT
PLUS, HE HATES GIRLS !!
HE YELLED AT A REALLY PRETTY STUDENT-TEACHER.
HE'S BIG AND STRONG, HIS EYES HAVE A BAD LOOK TO THEM, AND HE'S ALWAYS QUIET
HE'S A GOOD GUY. BUT HE'S SCARY
IF THOSE WERE TRUE, HE WOULDN'T STILL BE A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT
WELL...
YEAH
HA...
I'VE NEVER SEEN HIM SMILE

"DON'T TOUCH ME!!"
"IT MAKES MY SKIN CRAWL."
THAT'S BECAUSE OF WHAT HE DID.
YEAH, HE'S PRETTY WELL-KNOWN AMONG OTHER GUYS
BUT THE GIRLS WERE CLAPPING
IT'S BECAUSE SHE WAS AN OVERLY SEXUAL WOMAN
You only applaud for a good guy
IT WAS DISCOVERED THAT THE STUDENT-TEACHER WAS FIRED IN THE THICK OF THINGS
outrageous
BUT WHY WAS YASHIMA ON THAT TRAIN ANYWAY?
ISN'T HIS HOUSE THE OTHER DIRECTION?




YES,
YES.
AND THEN...
YOU KNOW,
bubble bubble
bubble
RIKU,
DON'T MESS THINGS UP.

*About ¥4300 in today's currency

I...
I'M SORRY...
BAM
HEY! I'M HOME!
BAM
GET YOUR ASS OUT HERE RIGHT NOW!
SHOCK
QUIET, YOU!
WHAT THE FUCK!
STOP COMPLAINING!

I USE THE MONEY I EARN TO DRINK ALCO-HOL!
WHAT'S WRONG WITH THAT ?!
WE HAVE A LOAN TO PAY !!
IF WE CAN'T, WHAT ARE WE GONNA DO?!
SHUT UP!
IT'S BE-CAUSE YOU TALK LIKE THAT!
THAT I DRINK SAKE!!
TRY ACTING LIKE A WIFE SOME-TIME!!
WHACK
WHACK
WHACK

SHUT UP!!
THWACK
STOP IT, DAD!
PLEASE FORGIVE ME!!

I'LL STOP DRINKING ALCOHOL ALREADY !!
I'LL NEVER GET INVOLVED IN A LOAN AGAIN!!
SAKIKO
I PROMISE !!
RIKU
YOU'VE BEEN WANTING TO GO TO THE ZOO, RIGHT?
I'LL TAKE YOU THERE NEXT SUNDAY
REALLY ?!
YEAH, IT'S A PROMISE
REALLY, REALLY ?!

SERI
SERI,
WHAT HAPPENED TO YOUR HAND?
TAKANO !
CAN YOU LEND ME YOUR CLASSICAL LITERATURE NOTES?
I FELL DOWN
HOW CLUMSY !
SERI, YOU'RE UNEXPECTEDLY CARELESS
YOU'RE ALWAYS HURTING YOURSELF

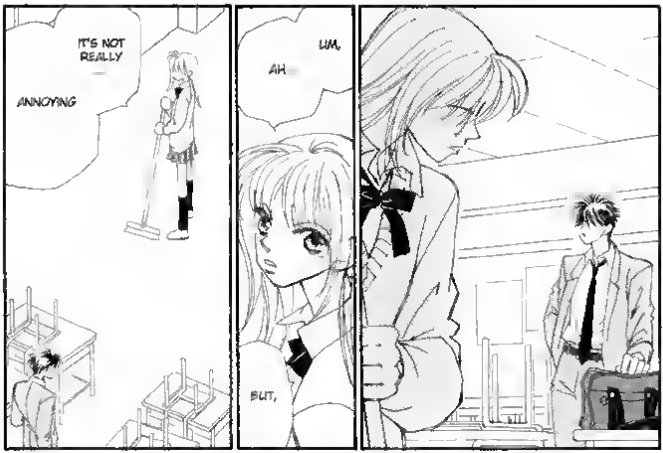
TEMAO-CHAN!
SHOULDN'T YOU MAKE THEM PAY MONEY FOR IT?
ME, TOO!
AHHH ...!
I WANNA BORROW THEM, TOO!
ME, TOO!
I'M... FIRST!
HERE YA GO
YOU'RE A LIFE-SAVER.
YOUR NOTES ARE SO NEAT,
SO THEY REALLY HELP BEFORE A TEST
TAKANO-SAN, COULD YOU DO MY CLEANING DUTIES FOR TODAY?
AGAIN ...?!
YOU ALWAYS MAKE SERI DO IT!
WHAT?!
I'VE GOT OTHER THINGS TO DO, SO I CAN'T HELP IT!
OHHH —!
WHAT KINDS OF THINGS?
HEY! ARE YOU LOOK-ING FOR A FIGHT?!
I'LL CHANGE SHIFTS WITH HER,
SO DON'T FIGHT PLEASE

WHY...
THANKS!

HEY,
WHAT D'YA THINK?
ABOUT WHAT?
IS THAT SO?
ARE REALLY MEAN.
YOU ..

RATTLE
CRAP,
WE'RE LATE!
NO WAY!

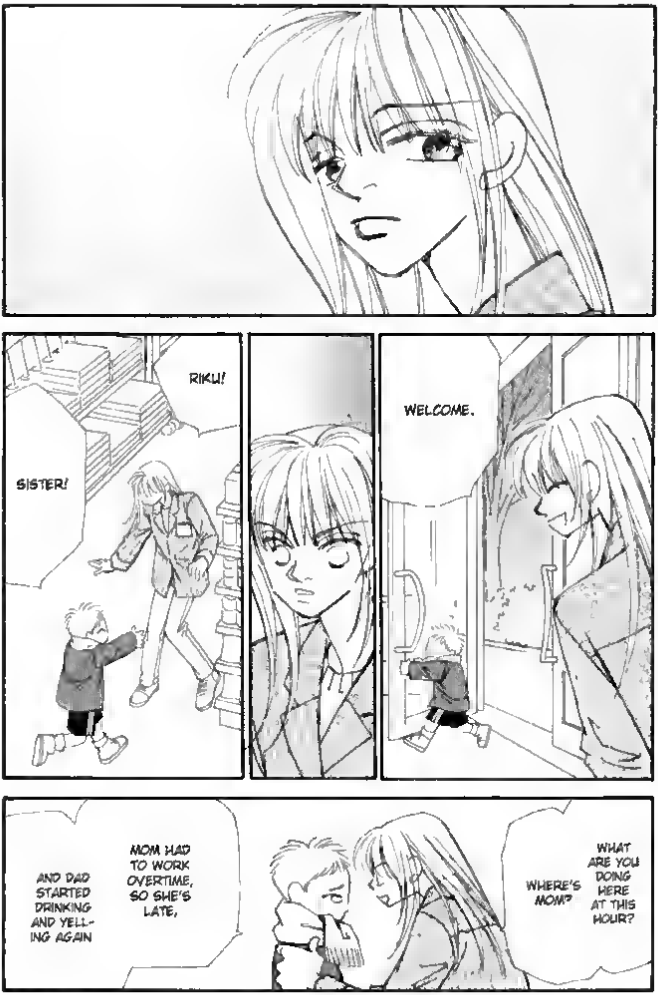
WHAT?
YOU COULD'VE SKIPPED OUT, TOO
THEN,
EVERY-ONE HAD OTHER STUFF TO DO
I WOULD NOT DO THAT—
HUH?
TAKANO-SAN, YOU'RE ALL ALONE?
WHERE ARE THE OTHERS?
YASHIMA,
MOVE!
Your huge body is blocking the door!
YOU'RE AWFULLY DILIGENT, SAN.
TAKANO-


IT'S NOT REALLY
ANNOYING
UM,
AH
BUT,

LIAR.

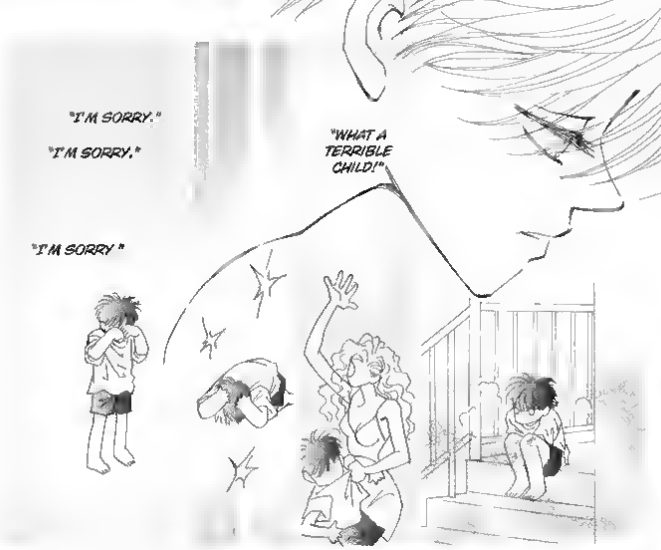
IF YOU'RE DONE WITH THAT, CAN YOU RE-STOCK THE DRINKS?
TAKANO-SAN,
SURE
HWOOO

I'M WORKING THE CASH REGISTER!
VERY DIFFERENT FROM A CERTAIN SOMEONE
WHIFF WHIFF
TAKANO-SAN, YOU'RE A GOOD WORKER.
YOU'RE A GREAT HELP!
I WONDER WHY I EVER HIRED YOU FOR THIS
OH, C'MON, MANAGER.
AND YET YOU LOVE ME. ♡


RIKU!
SISTER!
WELCOME.
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE AT THIS HOUR?
WHERE'S MOM?
MOM HAD TO WORK OVERTIME, SO SHE'S LATE,
AND DAD STARTED DRINKING AND YELLING AGAIN

IS SOMETHING WRONG, TAKANO-SAN?
NO,
IT'S NOTHING
YEAH.
Drinking.
AGAIN?
YOU'RE GONNA BE IN THE WAY HERE, SO YOU CAN'T STAY.
BUT—
GO HOME AFTER AN HOUR.
THEN, MOM WILL BE HOME.
JUST WAIT BY THE HOUSE, OK?

EVEN ON THESE NIGHTS,
A CHILD SITS ALONE OUTSIDE.


"I'M SORRY."
"I'M SORRY."
"WHAT A TERRIBLE CHILD!"
"I'M SORRY."

squeeze

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IT LOOKS LIKE HE DOESN'T HATE WOMEN...

I KNEW IT...
YASHIMA WANTS TO BE MADE OF TOUGHER STUFF...
REALLY ?
WHA ?!
SERIOUSLY?
YASHIMA-KUN
HE WAS BEING LOVEY-DOVEY WITH AN OLDER WOMAN
THAT WILL BRING HIS IMAGE DOWN !
HUH?
HUH?
TAKANO
I'M SORRY
WHY, YOU ...
I DON'T HAVE AN EXCUSE
AND I DON'T KNOW WHERE HE IS NOW
THEY WERE EVEN GIVEN TO A GUY FROM ANOTHER CLASS,
THEY KINDA GOT PASSED AROUND TO EVERYBODY ELSE
YOU LOST HER NOTES ?!

I CAN COPY WHAT YOU COPIED FROM ME
TAKANO, YOU'RE SO NICE!
OF COURSE!
THERE'S NO HELPING IT IF IT'S LOST.
TEMAO-CHAN
YOU HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO RETURN THEM, YOU KNOW!
IF YOU BORROWED NOTES FROM SERI,
TEMAO-CHAN...
You are quite right.
IT'S NO BIG DEAL.
BUT, SERI, AREN'T YOU GOING TO GET ANGRY?
THAT'S NO GOOD, I'M TELLING YA.

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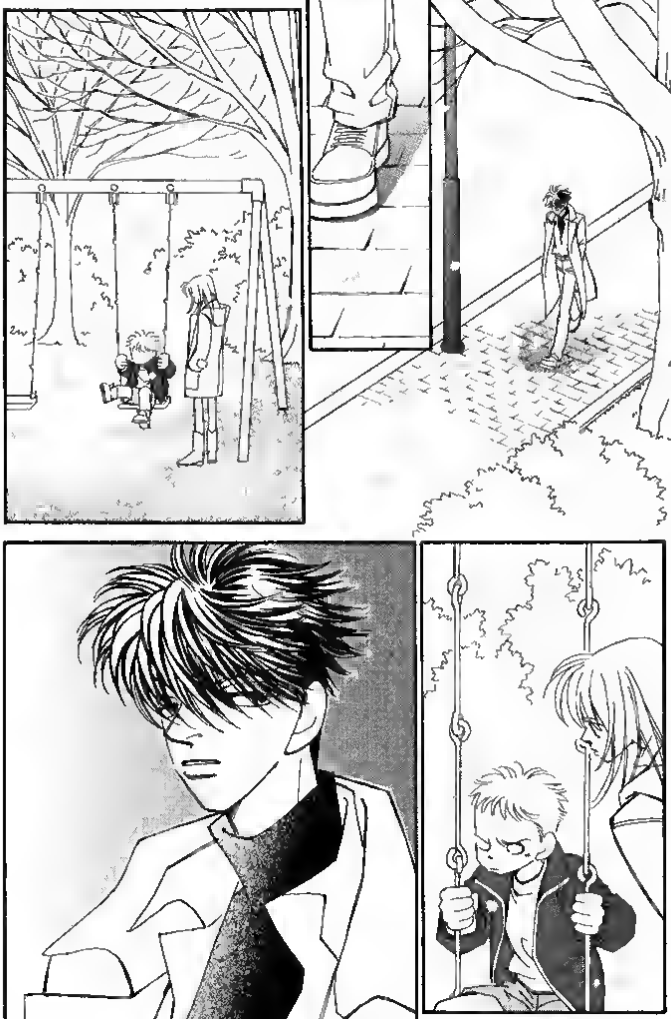
WELCOME HOME
WHERE'S YOUR MOTHER?
TODAY, SHE HAS A LATE SHIFT
AGAIN?
IT CAN'T BE HELPED!
WORKING OVERTIME HAS BETTER PAY!
BUT UNTIL THIS HOUR?!
YOU MUST HAVE ANOTHER GUY!
IF I HAD ANOTHER GUY, I'D DUMP YOU IN A FLASH!
WHAT THE FUCK!

...
SNORE
SNORE
SNORE
I'M GOING TO MY FRIEND'S GAME,
WHAT'S THIS?
SO I.M. MAKING LUNCH-ES
IT'S STILL EARLY,
RIGHT?

WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
I'M SORRY
EVEN THOUGH YOU KNOW I'VE DONE ALL I CAN TO CUT THIS FAMILY'S EXPENSES
WHAT A NICE THING,
I KNOW SO WE'LL GO NEXT TIME.
YOU PROMISED!
NO!
WE'LL GO NEXT TIME
GULP
NO, LET'S GO TODAY!
THE ZOO!
YOU SAID WE'D GO, SO LET'S GO!
pissed off

WHAT A BRAT YOU'VE BECOME!
YOUR UPBRINGING IS AWFUL!
YOU!
THW
SHUT UP!
ACK
RIKU!
A BRAT SHOULD LISTEN TO HIS PARENTS!
WHO GIVES YOU RICE TO EAT?!



DAD LIKES YOU.
YOU KNOW THAT
HE WAS JUST DRUNK
DAD HATES ME NO MATTER WHAT I DO
I HATE HIM!
OUR FATHER DRINKS—
THEN, WHY DOES HE DRINK SO MUCH?!

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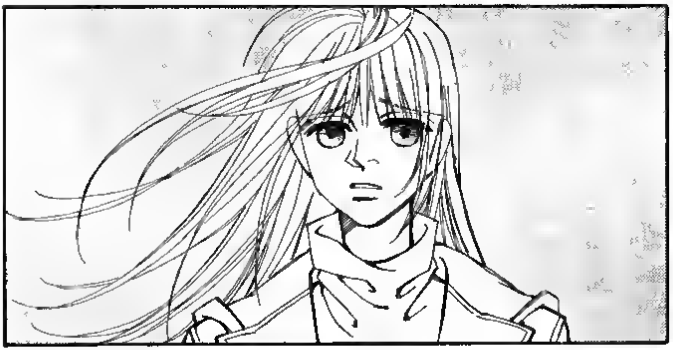

PLEASE
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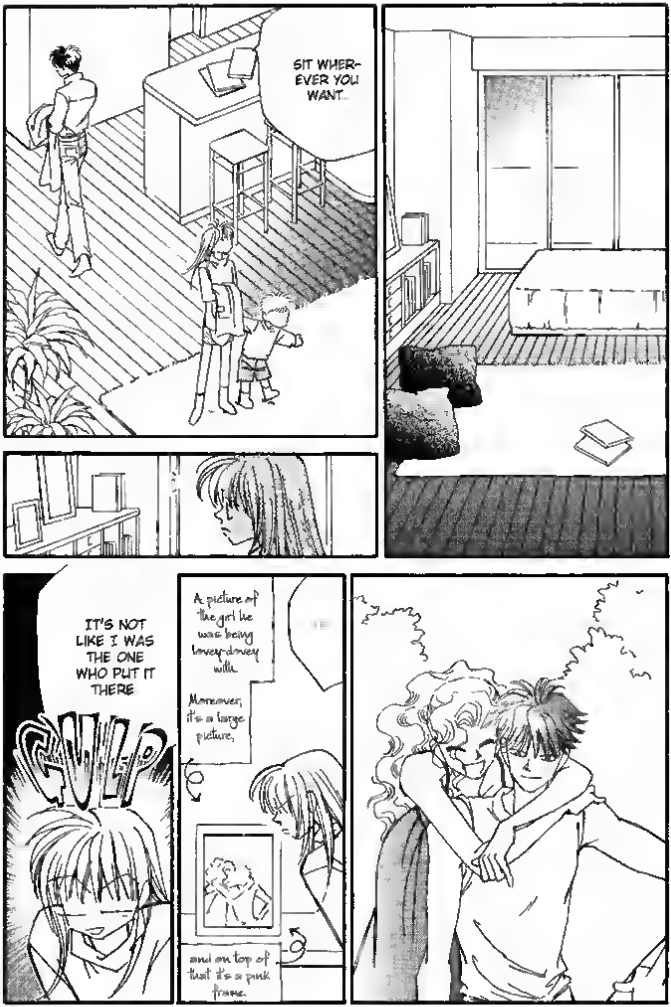
YASHIMA
...
...
EX-CUSE OUR INTRUSION
NO WAY!
SURELY IT WOULD BE INCON-VENIENT
WE'LL JUST GO HOME.


SIT WHEREVER YOU WANT...
A picture of the girl he was being lovey-dovey with.
Moreover, it's a large picture,
and on top of that it's a pink frame.
IT'S NOT LIKE I WAS THE ONE WHO PUT IT THERE
GULP

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...
?
HUH?
A DRINK.
AH, ANY-THING'S FINE
YOU WANT A DRINK?
I'M...
I'M SORRY,
I'M SORRY.
HOT CHOCO-LATE?
HOT CHOCO-LATE
AND THE LITTLE GUY?
THEN I'LL HAVE COFFEE
I'M SURE I HAVE SOME SOME-WHERE
WHAT...
DO YOU WANT?
AH,
THEN I'D LIKE SOME HOT CHOCOLATE, TOO!

I'M
flinch
I'M SORRY
STARE
...

MY GUARDIAN REMARRIED
AH, THAT EXPLAINS IT
UM, UM, WHY DO YOU LIVE ALONE?
I DIDN'T KNOW
YOU LIVED SO CLOSE, YASHIMA-KUN
I JUST MOVED HERE.
I'M... I'M REALLY SORRY!
ABOUT WHAT?
Re-married
Parents divorced or one died.
Didn't get along with the new parent and so lives alone.
PA LES

HERE, SQUIRT
DON'T SPILL IT.
HEY!
AH!
FLINCH

I'M REALLY SORRY!
I'M SORRY, PLEASE DON'T GET ANGRY!
HE DIDN'T DO IT ON PURPOSE!

FLINCH
LIFT
AH!
IF WE COOL IT,
IT WON'T LEAVE A BURN MARK.
Huh?

HEY,
DON'T RUN AROUND!
GAH HA HA HA
SWISH
WAH!
IT'S COLD!
JUST HANG ON
SHOCK
RI-
RIKU!

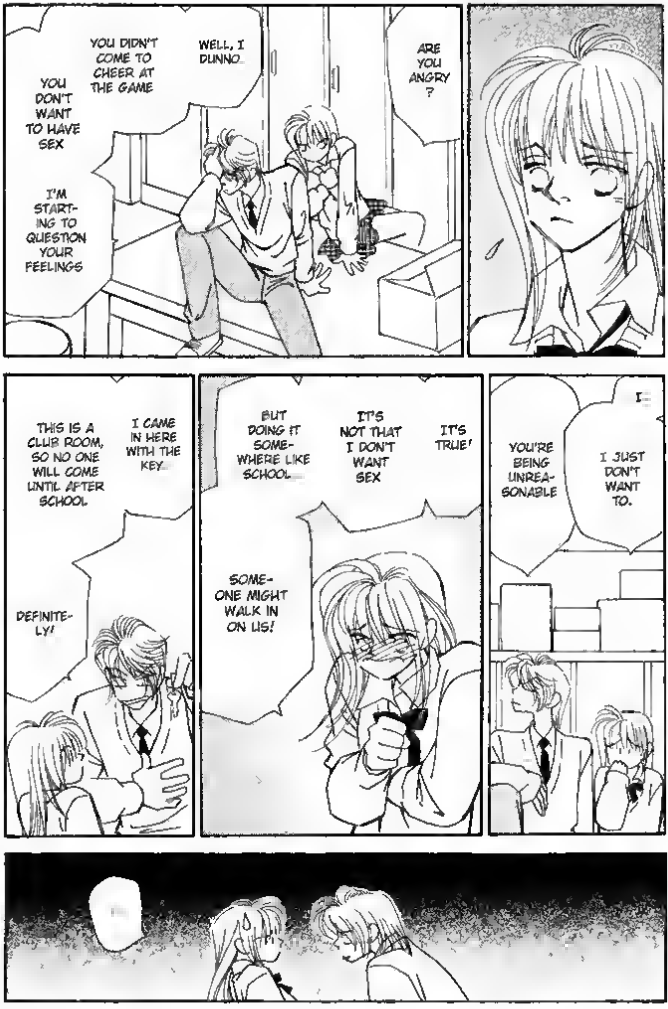
Hm.
...BUT!

*Note: "Nisan" is an affectionate term for a big brother.

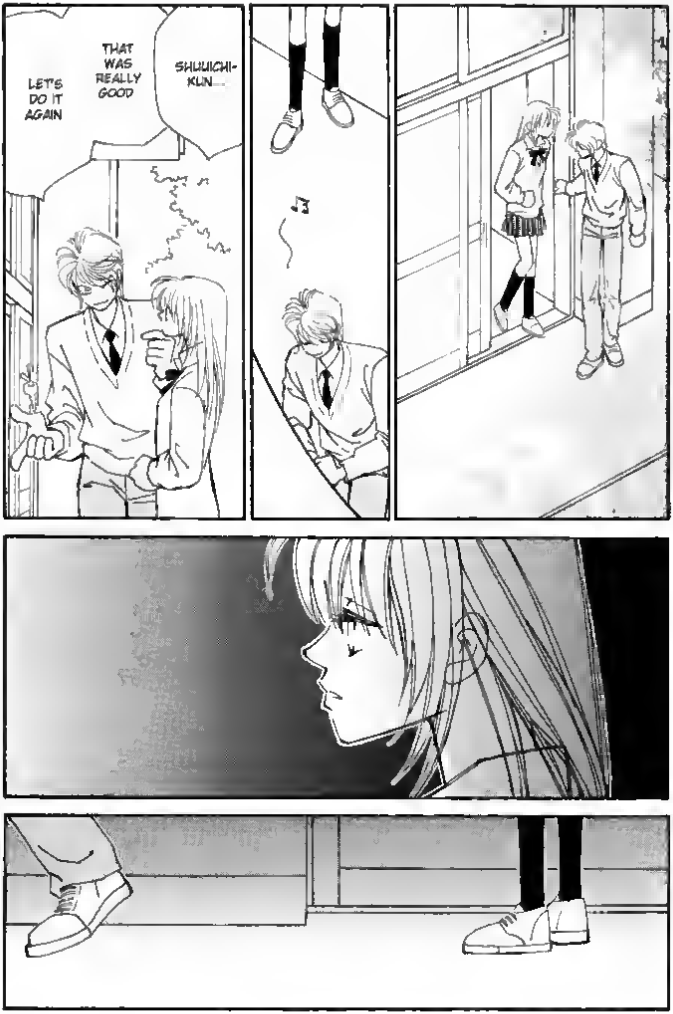
I'M SORRY,
YOU DIDN'T EVEN TELL ME YOU WEREN'T COMING
I GOT INJURED, YOU KNOW
I'M REALLY SORRY.
I AM.
REALLY SORRY.
SHOCK
WHAT SHOULD WE DO ABOUT THAT?

HE'S COMING TO SCOUT.
IT LOOKS LIKE ..
SCARY
SORRY ABOUT THAT
MY BAD
WHERE'S SERI?
SHE'S WITH HACHIDA.
FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN GIRLS SURE IS FRAGILE
THEN,
MAYBE IT'S LOVE MORE THAN FRIENDSHIP
AFTER ALL

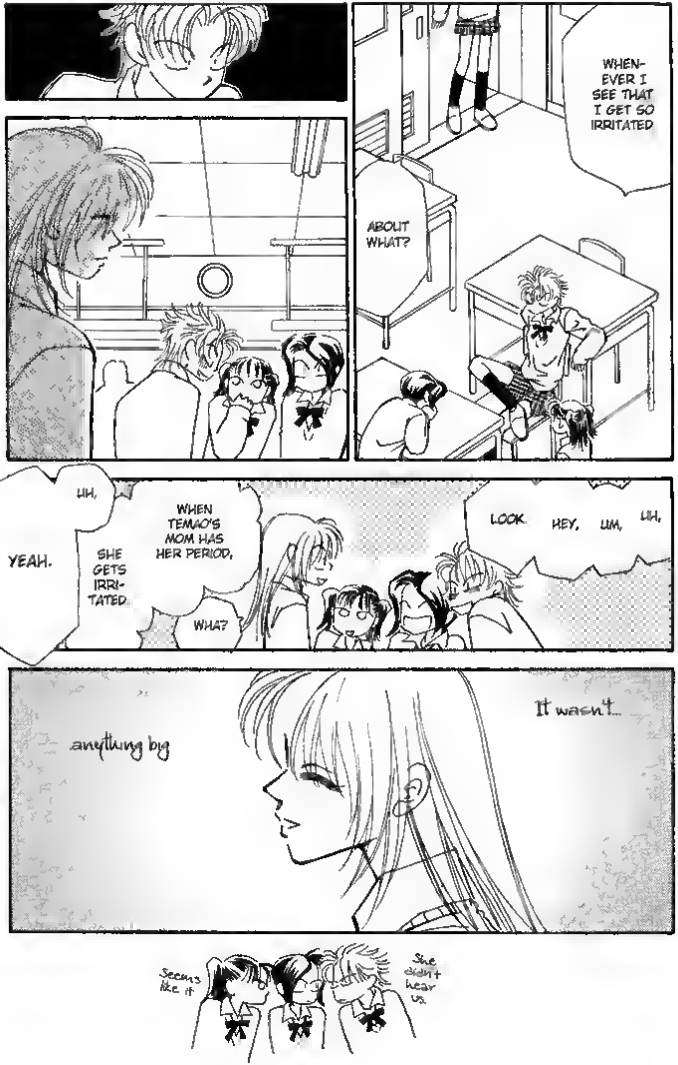
SHUU...
ISN'T THAT OK?
NO IT'S NOT.
NOT THERE.
ARE YOU GETTING AROUSED?
NO!
AH
I SEE


YOU DIDN'T COME TO CHEER AT THE GAME
WELL, I DUNNO.
ARE YOU ANGRY?
YOU DON'T WANT TO HAVE SEX
I'M STARTING TO QUESTION YOUR FEELINGS
I...
I JUST DON'T WANT TO.
YOU'RE BEING UNREASONABLE
IT'S TRUE!
IT'S NOT THAT I DON'T WANT SEX
BUT DOING IT SOMEWHERE LIKE SCHOOL...
SOMEONE MIGHT WALK IN ON US!
I CAME IN HERE WITH THE KEY...
THIS IS A CLUB ROOM, SO NO ONE WILL COME UNTIL AFTER SCHOOL
DEFINITELY!

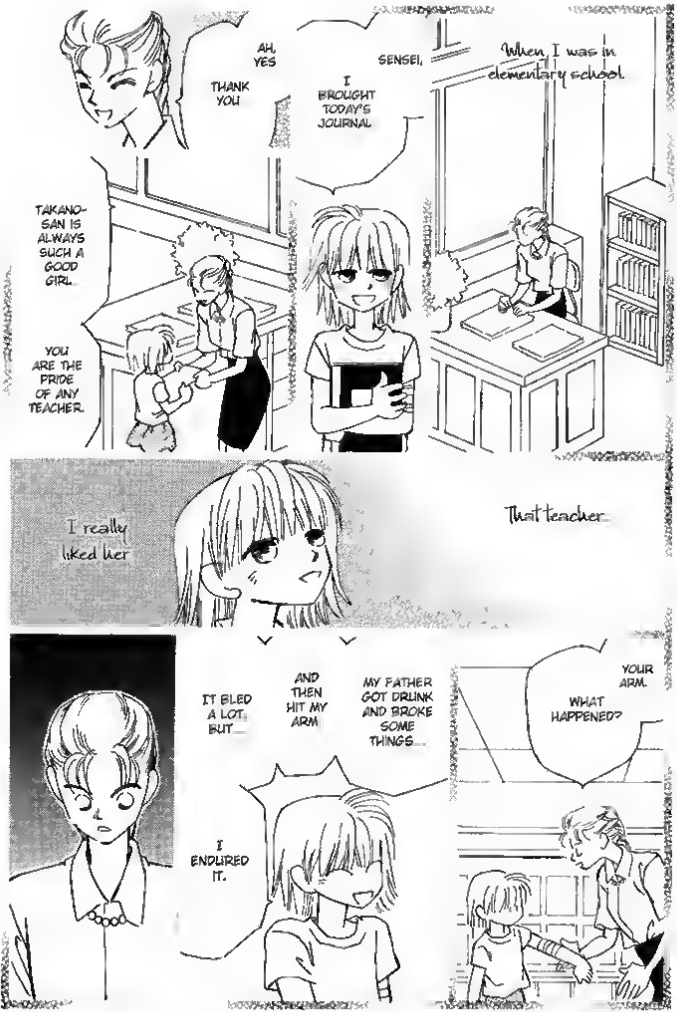
MUSH
I'M GOING IN
UHN


SHUUICHI-KUN...
THAT WAS REALLY GOOD
LET'S DO IT AGAIN

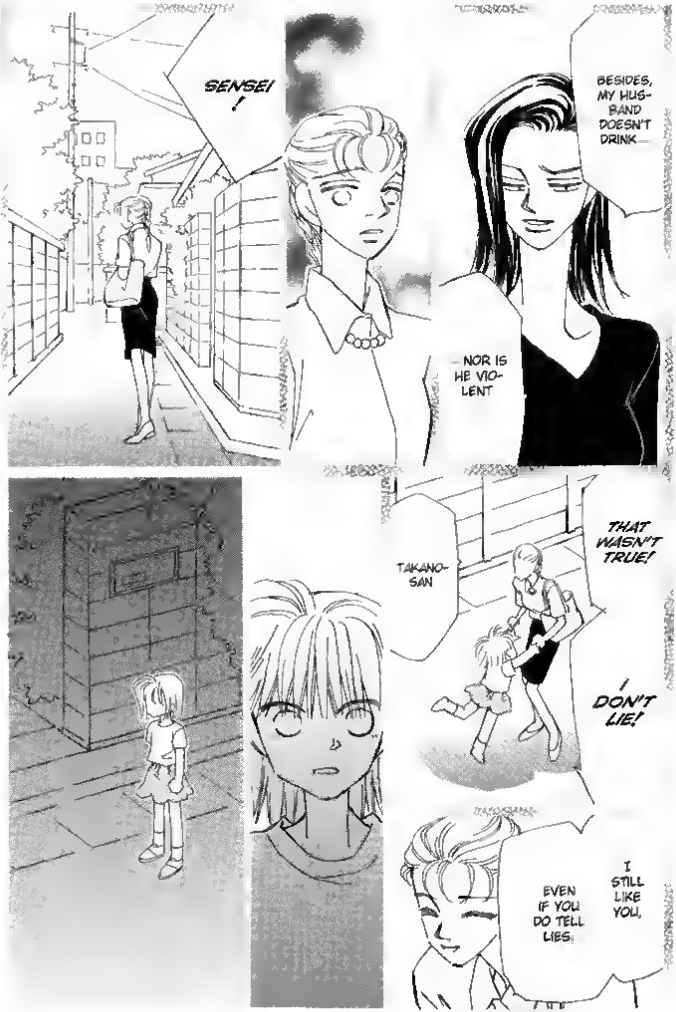
You won't be hated if you don't say no.


WHEN-EVER I SEE THAT I GET SO IRRITATED
ABOUT WHAT?
LOOK.
HEY, UM, UH,
WHEN TEMAO'S MOM HAS HER PERIOD,
WHA?
UH,
SHE GETS IRRI-TATED.
YEAH.
It wasn't...
anything big
Seems like it
She didn't hear us

AHHH, I REALLY CAN'T.
SINCE I DID YOUR CLEANING THE OTHER DAY
I'M SORRY
I GOTTA DO SOME STUFF TODAY
NAKAHATA-SAN
I didn't put much faith on it from the beginning
YEAH, REALLY
In any case,
THAT'S WHY I TOLD YOU SO
MIWA, WASN'T THAT MEAN?
IT'S FINE
SHE ALWAYS DOES IT


When I was in elementary school
SENSEI,
I BROUGHT TODAY'S JOURNAL
AH, YES
THANK YOU
TAKANO-SAN IS ALWAYS SUCH A GOOD GIRL.
YOU ARE THE PRIDE OF ANY TEACHER.
That teacher...
I really liked her
YOUR ARM.
WHAT HAPPENED?
MY FATHER GOT DRUNK AND BROKE SOME THINGS...
AND THEN HIT MY ARM
IT BLED A LOT, BUT...
I ENDURED IT.

BUT,
TAKANO-SAN
SENSEI
THAT WAS FROM FALLING OFF HER BIKE
SHE GOT THAT INJURY ON HER OWN
SERI LIKES YOU.
WHAT?
SHE'S NEVER DONE THAT AT SCHOOL
THAT CAN'T BE
SERI IS A LIAR
SHE MAKES HERSELF OUT TO BE A PITIABLE CHILD.
SHE INVITES COMPASSION.
SHE TELLS LIES
TO GET THE ATTENTION OF SOMEONE SHE LIKES.


SENSEI!
BESIDES, MY HUSBAND DOESN'T DRINK—
—NOR IS HE VIOLENT
TAKANO-SAN
THAT WASN'T TRUE!
I DON'T LIE!
EVEN IF YOU DO TELL LIES,
I STILL LIKE YOU,

DIDN'T I TELL YOU NOT TO TALK?!
I'M -
I'M SORRY
SMACK
IF YOU CAN'T KEEP YOUR MOUTH SHUT, THEN DON'T GO OUT!
You didn't believe in me, sensei
I'M SORRY,
I'M SORRY,
I'M SORRY!

"Believing in people will only lead to them betraying you," —as the saying goes.
WELCOME
A life lesson...
and a father who changes personalities when drunk
...by a mother who wanted to protect our name,
I was made out to be a daughter who told lies...

...I learned back then.

I'M HOME

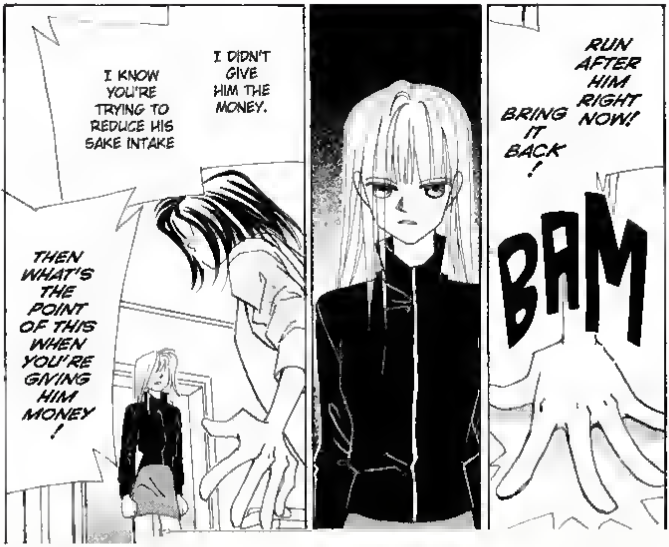
CLICK

OTOWA BANK
CASH
DAD,
THAT'S THE SALARY FROM MY PART-TIME JOB
I'M JUST BORROWING IT FOR A WHILE.
YOU CAN'T!
IT'S FOR MY PHONE BILLS!
SHUT UP!

DAD
!

DAD STOLE MY MONEY
!
MOM
!

YOU GAVE HIM MONEY TO BUY SAKE?!


I KNOW YOU'RE TRYING TO REDUCE HIS SAKE INTAKE
I DIDN'T GIVE HIM THE MONEY.
THEN WHAT'S THE POINT OF THIS WHEN YOU'RE GIVING HIM MONEY!
RUN AFTER HIM RIGHT NOW!
BRING IT BACK!
BAM

g of importance

It's nothing

That kind of thing.
It's nothing.
I'M SORRY.

SATORU.

NEXT SUNDAY.
WHEN?
DIDN'T YOU WANT TO GO?
THERE'S GONNA BE A PREVIEW SHOW
"...NEXT SUNDAY."
"HE SAID HE'D TAKE ME TO THE ZOO..."
OH, CRAP!
SERI,
DON'T YOU HAVE NEXT CLEANING DUTY?

2-A
AH.

ARE YOU... CLEAN-ING BY YOURSELF AGAIN?
LOOKS LIKE EVERY-ONE'S BUSY
well yeah
AREN'T YOU AN IDIOT--
clunk
clunk

SO-
SORRY!
WORK!
STOP SPACING OUT!
THE FASTER WE DO IT, THE FASTER WE CAN GO HOME!

Sunday
I KNOW, BUT YASHIMA-KUN HAD OTHER THING TO DO—
PROM-ISE!
WE MADE ONE
I MADE A PROMISE WITH SATORU-NIICHAN
NO!
DO YOU WANT GO WITH ME?
WHO'D YOU SAY HAD OTHER THINGS TO DO?

SATORU-NIICHAN!
HEY SQUIRT
THIS PROMISE CAME FIRST.
HUH?
THE PREVIEW SHOW
YOU'RE LOOKING LIKE AN IDIOT
BUT,
WHAT?

AREN'T YOU COMING?
I'M...
I'M COMING!
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